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**Amendment**

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Offered by:

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING REGULATIONS RELATING TO HOSPICE CARE."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Each hospital, as defined  
4 in section 19a-490 of the general statutes, and long-term care facility, as  
5 defined in section 17b-400 of the general statutes, that intends to  
6 discharge a patient to a hospice facility or hospice residence shall  
7 provide the patient or a member of the patient's family, as the hospital  
8 or long-term care facility deems appropriate, with a list of hospice  
9 facilities and hospice residences located in the geographic area where  
10 the patient resides or in another geographic area requested by the  
11 patient that provide hospice services and accept patients receiving  
12 Medicare benefits. A hospital or long-term care facility shall not limit  
13 the patient's ability to choose from among hospice facilities and  
14 hospice residences that accept patients receiving Medicare benefits  
15 within the preferred geographic area and shall inform the patient or

16 the patient's family member, as appropriate, that the patient is free to  
 17 choose among the hospice facilities and hospice residences on the list.  
 18 The hospital or long-term care facility shall document in the patient's  
 19 medical record that the patient or the patient's family member has  
 20 been provided a copy of such list.

21 (b) The Commissioner of Public Health shall include in any  
 22 regulations adopted by the department for a hospice facility or hospice  
 23 residence requirements that such facility or residence: (1) Maintain a  
 24 staffing ratio of not less than one registered nurse to six patients and  
 25 not less than one nurse, as defined in section 19a-490l of the general  
 26 statutes, to three patients; (2) provide pharmaceutical services at the  
 27 location where the hospice facility or residence is located that shall be  
 28 under the direction of a licensed pharmacist who is employed by the  
 29 hospice facility or residence; (3) conduct a medical evaluation of each  
 30 patient admitted to the facility or residence not more than four hours  
 31 after the patient's admission; and (4) operate a program to provide  
 32 hospice home health care services."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	New section